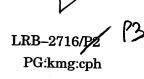
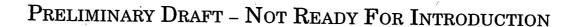


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E-mail: peter.grant@legis.state.wi.us

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in which the proposed or existing charter school is located and who are not officials

of, employed by, or affiliated with the department, a school district, an entity

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(d) In reaching a decision on an appeal received under par. (a) 1. to 4., the state
superintendent or person or persons appointed under par. (c) shall consider the
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- 1. The level of support for the charter school among the parents of pupils who attend or who may attend the charter school.
- 2. The potential for the charter school to offer additional educational choices for pupils.
- 3. The potential for the charter school to improve public education through the implementation of innovative educational programs or methods.
- (e) In reaching a decision on an appeal received under par. (a) 5., the state superintendent or person or persons appointed under par. (c) shall determine whether revocation of the charter is justified under sub. (5).
- (f) The state superintendent or person or persons appointed under par. (c) shall issue a decision on an appeal within 60 days of its receipt by the state superintendent under par. (a). The decision may include an order for the school board or entity under sub. (2r) (b) to enter into, renew, or maintain a charter school contract with the appellant or may allow any entity authorized to contract for the operation of a school as a charter school under sub. (2r) (b) to contract with the appellant to operate a charter school. If the decision does the latter, sub. (2r) (bm), (cm), (e) 2., and (f) does not apply to the charter school established. The decision under this paragraph is final and not subject to judicial review under ch. 227.

SECTION 3. Initial applicability.

(g) Subchapter III of ch. 227 applies to appeals under this subjection insofar as it does not conflict with this subjection.

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2003 SENATE BILL 220

July 30, 2003 – Introduced by Senators Darling, Welch, Kanavas, Roessler, Lazich and Stepp, cosponsored by Representatives Jensen, Ziegelbauer, Vukmir, Towns, Gielow, Krawczyk, Jeskewitz, Grothman, Nischke, Nass, Lemahieu, McCormick, Owens, J. Wood and Albers. Referred to Committee on Education, Ethics and Elections.

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Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

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This bill allows a pupil who resides outside the Milwaukee school district to attend an independent charter school located in the Milwaukee school district. The bill also explicitly authorizes a school board to transport pupils to and from a charter school. If a school board elects to do so, it receives state transportation aid.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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- 3. The charter school failed to comply with generally accepted accounting standards of fiscal management.

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Currently, if the board of directors of the Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) denies a petition requesting MPS to establish a charter school, the person seeking to operate the charter school may appeal the denial to the state superintendent of public instruction. This provision applies only to denials of petitions by MPS.

This bill establishes an appeal process for denials of petitions, as well as other types of decisions relating to charter schools, by any school board exercity authorized to establish independent charter schools. Under the bill, a person seeking to operate a charter school under contract with a school board exercity may appeal to the state superintendent if any of the following occurs:

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